

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9**  
**BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE**

**WHEREAS**, I, Indya Kincannon, Mayor of the City of Knoxville, declared a civil emergency on March 16, 2020, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 39-3-101(2) and 58-2-110 and Knoxville Code § 9-1 due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of the last six weeks, the City has issued eight executive orders, restricting non-essential businesses from opening, limiting social gatherings, dine-in service, and adopting a “Safer at Home Order” to protect the public health of the citizens of Knox County, with the goal of saving lives and reducing strain on the regional healthcare resources; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2020, the Governor of the State of Tennessee issued Executive Order No. 23, requiring all persons in Tennessee to stay at home, except for when engaging in Essential Activity or Essential Services to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and through the use of subsequent executive orders, the Governor has required all persons in Tennessee to stay at home through April 30, 2020, except for when engaging in Essential Activity or Essential Services to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 16, 2020, the President of the United States issued new Guidelines on Opening Up America Again, which contemplate individual States reopening in phases using a deliberate, data-driven approach tailored to address the situation in each State; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2020, the Governor of the State of Tennessee advised the public that the State’s Safer at Home Order would not be extended past April 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 24, April 28 and April 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Tennessee issued Executive Orders 29, 30 and 31 modifying the current restrictions so as to allow certain businesses throughout the State to resume some services, so long as they operate in accordance with the guidance and measures adopted and/or issued by the Governor’s Economic Recovery Group unless they are located within the jurisdiction of six specific areas, including Knox County, and those locally run county health departments have the authority to maintain any existing order or issue further restrictions regarding the operation of businesses for the purposes of containment or management of the spread of COVID-19; and; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 27, 2020, the Knox County Health Department issued a Knox County Safer at Home Order, which required all businesses not performing essential services to remain closed, with limited exceptions, until May 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 1, 2020, the Knox County Health Department issued the Order of Knox County Health Department Allowing Knox County Businesses to Reopen While Encouraging Continued Adherence to Health Guidelines to Limit the Spread of Covid-19; and

**WHEREAS**, as of May 1, 2020, there were at least 10,735 COVID-19 cases in Tennessee, with 232 cases in Knox County and evidence of continued community transmission; and

**WHEREAS**, in Knoxville, it appears that these mitigation efforts have been effective, “flattening the curve” of cases, and our medical professionals currently have adequate supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) and adequate staffing and space at their facilities to properly address any potential spread of COVID-19 in our community in the upcoming weeks and months to come; and

**WHEREAS**, many lives have been saved because of social-distancing restrictions like those required by the City of Knoxville’s Safer at Home Order, however more than 199 Tennesseans have lost their lives because of Covid-19, and the disease still presents a serious threat across Tennessee that could persist in certain areas; and

**WHEREAS**, apart from the threats to health and safety, COVID-19 and our mitigating efforts to deal with the pandemic have taken an extreme toll on our local business community and the employees who live and work in our City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Knoxville must remain flexible to account for the evolving nature and scope of the unprecedented public health emergency posed by COVID-19, while also simultaneously beginning the process of safely, strategically, and incrementally reopening businesses and facilitating economic recovery and revitalization; and

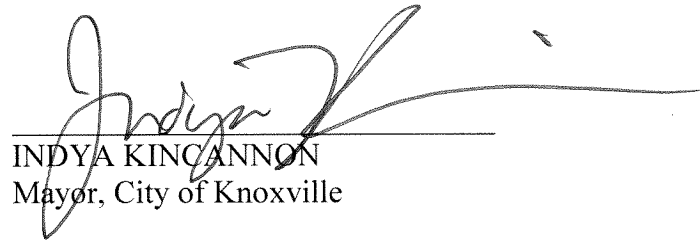
**WHEREAS**, in recognition and furtherance of the need to provide for and ensure the health, safety, security, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Knoxville, while mitigating the significant economic and other impacts and burdens on individuals, families, and businesses, I have determined that certain restrictions on business closures may be safely lifted, while other restrictions should remain in place; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Emergency Executive Order No. 9 is to extend the declaration of emergency set forth in the City of Knoxville’s executive order adopted on March 16, 2020 for another seven (7) days until May 8, 2020, to complement the Knox County Health Department’s Community Strategy for Phased Reopening; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, INDYA KINCANNON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE**, pursuant to the authority invested in the Mayor under Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 38-9-101 *et seq.* and 58-2-110, the Charter of the City of Knoxville Section 303(M), and Knoxville Code §§ 9-1, 9-5, and 9-6, and pursuant to the aforesaid powers and the Proclamation of Emergency declared on March 16, 2020 and extended on March 23, 2020, March 30, 2020, April 6, 2020, April 13, 2020, April 20, 2020, and April 27, 2020 do hereby direct and order the following:

1. **Extension.** The Proclamation of Emergency declared on March 16, 2020 shall be extended for a period of seven (7) days, from May 1 at 12:00 a.m. until May 8, 2020 unless modified or rescinded by further mayoral action as circumstances require.
2. **Intent of this Order.** The intent of this Order is to extend the existing declaration of Civil Emergency so as to complement the Knox County Health Department's Order dated May 1, 2020, which is a Community Strategy for a Phased Reopening of Knox County and the City of Knoxville.. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent. The Director of Law, or his designee(s), shall have the authority to provide clarifications, make findings, and issue opinions in relation to this Order.

ORDERED, EFFECTIVE, AND ISSUED:



INDYA KINGANNON  
Mayor, City of Knoxville

Date: May 1, 2020